

# European Day of Jewish Cultural Heritage - Open Monument Day

## Living memories / Living monuments

Sunday September 10th 2023, sometimes September 9th

Free entrance

The European Day of Jewish Cultural Heritage is a yearly event that takes place in more than 30 countries all over Europe and aims at showing how Jewish Culture and Traditions have been deeply incorporated into the local culture of each country (see [www.jewishheritage.org](http://www.jewishheritage.org)).

**Amsterdam - Coevorden - Groningen - Maastricht - Meerssen  
Middelburg - Overveen - Roermond - Tilburg - Zwolle - Zuidlaren**

### Amsterdam

**RAS synagogue/Obrecht synagogue, Heinzestraat/Jacob Obrechtplein**

open: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- Visit the very special architecture both from outside as well as inside, the beautiful coloured windows, hear about Jewish traditions, services
- Synagogal music
- Film about the recent renovation and about the well known Jewish architect Harry Elte who designed this building in 1928

**Gerard Dou Synagogue / Gerard Doustraat 238**

open: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- Guided visits
- Stories about history, the architecture of the building
- Synagogal music

**Joma museum: Jewish second generation - art and family / Brouwersgracht 49**

open: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Personal family stories with pictures, and history based art

**Zeeburg / Old Jewish cemetery of the city Amsterdam, Valentijnkade 124**

open: 12.00 PM – 5:00 PM

Guided visits to the restored cemetery, in which between 1714 and 1914 around 80% of the Askenazi Jews of Amsterdam were buried (Sephardic Jews had their own cemetery in Ouderkerk aan de Amstel)

### Coevorden - only on Saturday September 9th

**Synagogue Museum Coevorden, Kerkstraat 36**

- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Guided visits in the Synagogue Museum
- 2:00 PM - 2.30 PM in the Synagogue and Thijnhof: The Leoville Klezmer Syncopators
- 3:00 PM - 3.30 PM on the market: The Leoville Klezmer Syncopators
- 4:00 PM - 4.30 PM in the Synagogue: The Leoville Klezmer Syncopators

## **Groningen**

**Synagogue Groningen, Folkingestraat 60**

open: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Visit and guided tours

**Concerts at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM**

*Irene Maessen-singing and Eleonore Pameijer-flute*

This well known duo often plays together at concerts, especially concerts of Nazi persecuted composers, organized by the Leo Smit Foundation, which aims at bringing to life the music of persecuted Jewish composers as well as composers who were persecuted because of their resistance activities ([www.forbiddenmusicregained.org](http://www.forbiddenmusicregained.org)).

Songs in Hebrew, in Dutch and in Jiddisj:

- Leo Smit, Mordechaj Gebirtig, Ilse Weber, Leon Stein,
- Dick Kattenburg and
- Maurice Ravel

## **Maastricht**

**Synagogue Maastricht, Capucijnengang 2**

open: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Visit and guided tours

Opening website Limburgs Jewish Heritage

2 PM: Lecture by Jac. Lemmens: Eight centuries of Jewish Life in Limburg

## **Meerssen**

**Synagogue Meerssen, Kuileneindestraat 22A**

open: 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

Exhibition about Roma and Sinti in the Second World War

## **Middelburg**

**Etty Hillesum House, Molenwater 77**

open: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Exposition and lectures

- How to keep the ideas of Etty Hillesum alive for the coming generations
- Letters from Westerbork
- Etty's diary as “document humain”

**Synagogue Middelburg, Herenstraat 14**

Open: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Visit and guided tours

The Portuguese looking synagogue in Middelburg, which has been built in 1705, was the first synagogue in this style built outside Amsterdam.

## **Overveen**

**Jewish Cemetary, Tetterodeweg 13**

open: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Old Jewish Cemetary outside Amsterdam

Guided visits

Hidden in beautiful nature this old handsome cemetary is a gem with an interesting history

## **Roermond**

**Synagogue, Hamstraat 20**

open: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Guided tours telling about the synagogie and its history. Roermond is one of the first places where officially is written about Jewish inhabitants. In the period between 1275 and 1443 Jews have been living uninterruptedly in Roermond.

## **Tilburg**

**Synagogue, Willem II straat 20**

open: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Guided tours: This national monument from 1874, built in neo-oriëntal architectural style, is being used as a synagogue by the Jewish Reform Community of the province of Brabant.

## **Zwolle**

**Synagogue Zwolle, Samuel-Hirschstraat 8**

On July 21st in 1899 the synagogue was solemnly opened with attendance of the deputies of the Province Overijssel and the mayor of Zwolle. During the restauration period between 1984 and 1989 plans were made to add a cultural and eucational function to the synagogue.

**Saturday September 9th**

Open: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Guided tours

**Sunday September 10th**

3:00 PM: Lecture by Lion Tokkie about Jewish work camps in The Netherlands

## **Zuidlaren**

**Synagogue, Zuiderstraat 1**

open: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Market with Jewish books and guided tours through the synagogue

## **Organization**

This is an initiative of the Dutch B'nai B'rith Loge Hilleel, and has been financially supported by the Foundations Levi Lassen and Maatschappij tot Nut der Israëlieten.